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1. SUMMARY: HIGHLIGHTS OF JUNE 13 DEVELOPMENTS AT OAU CONFERENCE INCLUDE: (A) MEETING OF SUMMIT'S COMMITTEE OF EIGHT ON ETHIOPIAN-SOMALI DISPUTE AND SIAD-HAILE SELASSIE TETE-A-TETE; (B) RECEIPT OF MESSAGE FROM EEC ON PORTUGUESE DEVELOPMENTS; (C) DECISION BY MINISTERS TO INVITE PORTUGUESE FONMIN SOARES TO EXCHANGE VIEWS; AND (D) CONTINUING CONTROVERSY OVER LAW OF CONFIDENTIAL

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SEA ISSUES. END SUMMARY.

2. MORNING JUNE 13, WHILE CHIEFS LISTENED TO PUBLIC SPEECHES BY RAMGOOLAN (MAURITIUS), TOLBERT (LIBERIA), NIMEIRI (SUDAN) AND LAMIZANA (UPPER VOLTA), 23RD COUNCIL OF MINISTERS CONTINUED ITS WORK, APPARENTLY COMPLETING ALL ITEMS EXCEPT LAW OF SEA.
(COMMENT: OAU ASST SEC-GEN NYNEQUE TOLD EMBOFF MID-DAY THAT LOS HAS PROVEN BY FAR MOST CONTENTIOUS ISSUE AT CM AND THAT OUTCOME STILL UNCERTAIN.) OAU SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED THAT MORNING SESSION OF CM HAD DECIDED TO INVITE PORTUGUESE FONMIN SOARES TO EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH OAU SECRETARY GENERAL, EITHER IN MADISCO OR IN ADDIS ABABA, AT FORMER'S EARLIEST CONVENIENCE. SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT, LIKE ALL CM DECISIONS, THIS IS SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY SUMMIT.

3. OAU SPOKESMAN ALSO ANNOUNCED RECEIPT THAT MORNING OF MESSAGE FROM WEST GERMAN FONMIN, IN HIS CAPACITY OF CHAIRMAN OF EEC FONMINS, ON EEC VIEWS OF PORTUGUESE DEVELOPMENTS. MESSAGE STATES INTER ALIA THAT EEC PREPARED TO SUPPORT NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN PORTUGAL AND AFRICA AND NOTES NEED IN THIS CONTEXT TO STRENGTHEN TIES BETWEEN PORTUGAL AND EEC. COMMENT: AS REPORTED RECENTLY FROM ADDIS (REF NOT AVAILABLE HERE), OAU HAS LONG FELT (AND QUIETLY LOBBIED IN EUROPEAN CAPITALS) THAT EEC COULD HELP SPEED DECOLONIZATION IN AFRICA BY PROVIDING PORTUGAL POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC COMPENSATION FOR HER "INEVITABLE" LOSS OF AFRICAN EMPIRE. OAU SOURCES INDICATED TO EMBOFF THAT THEY CONSIDER EEC MESSAGE AS ACCEPTANCE OF OAU THESIS IN PRINCIPLE BY EEC AS GROUP.

4. AFTERNOON JULY 13, SUMMIT WENT INTO CLOSED SESSION AND HEARD SPEECHES BY GUINEA-BISSAU PRESIDENT LOUIS CABRAL, ARAB LEAGUE SECGEN RIYADH, PRG FONMIN MADAME BINH, AND LEADERS OF PLO, FRELIMO, AND MPLA. LATER IN EVENING, "COMMITTEE OF EIGHT" MET IN CAMERA AND HEARD STATEMENTS FROM BOTH SOMALI PRESIDENT SIAD AND ETHIOPIAN EMPEROR. THE TWO LEADERS THEN HELD PRIVATE CONVERSATION.

COMMENT: WE DO NOT RPT NOT HAVE GOOD RUN DOWN YET ON THIS MEETING, BUT ONE LOWER-LEVEL ETHIOPIAN SOURCE INDICATED TO EMBOFF THAT SESSION HAD BEEN DIFFICULT ONE.

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